

## Gallaudet Fact—

Q. February 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. With this event, speculation about the hand shapes in the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall is running high. Did sculptor Daniel Chester French, as some would have it, form the hands of the 16th president's statue into the ASL hand shapes for 'A' and 'L'?

Find out on page 4.

## Campus Community Campaign results show higher participation

Despite the economic downturn, faculty and staff gave to the University's Campus Community Campaign (CCC) in greater numbers in 2008 than in 2007, the Office of Development reported.

The 411 donors, representing 38 percent of faculty, staff, and teachers, contributed this year—compared to 33 percent last year—and generated gifts totaling \$135,500. The gifts went toward scholarships, special programs, construction projects, and general support.

"In difficult economic times, Gallaudet faculty, staff, and teachers still come through for the University," Assistant Director of Annual Giving Patricia Bowman said. "We are very proud, and very appreciative that our community continues to support our students."

The CCC is an annual fundraising effort sponsored by the Development Office that seeks support from employees of both the University and the Clerc Center. Anyone interested in getting a head start on 2009 giving can do so via payroll deduction or credit card at [support.gallaudet.edu/gift2/payroll](http://support.gallaudet.edu/gift2/payroll) or by check at the Development Office in the EMG Memorial Building. For more information, contact Bowman at [patricia.bowman@gallaudet.edu](mailto:patricia.bowman@gallaudet.edu).

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On his worst/best Valentine's Day, Masa Nakama and his Valentine were broke and had to make do with a dinner of whatever they could find in the kitchen. It turned out to be a wonderful evening.



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A crowd carries on the Gallaudet tradition of gathering in the Rathskellar for the big game.



Arlene B. Kelly leads teleconferences with the Japanese ASL Signers Society.

# ON THE GREEN

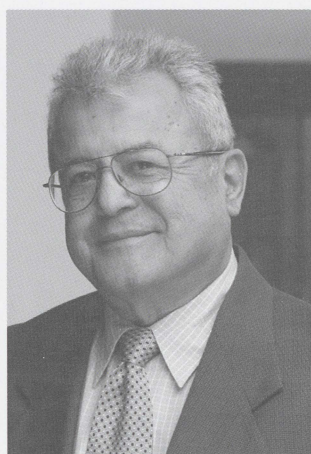
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## Letter from the President

### A report on the University's financial health

I know that all members of the Gallaudet community are aware of the financial difficulties facing our country. Our university continues to be in strong financial condition, but we are not immune from the effects of the current economic situation. For example, our endowment has lost a significant amount of its value during the past several months. Although interest from the endowment still comprises only a relatively small part of our overall income, it has been growing steadily in recent years and has helped to support student scholarships. By far the largest component of our support comes from the federal government in the form of annual appropriations. I do not foresee the likelihood of major disruptions in this funding, but it is clear that the Congress faces many challenges in meeting the needs of the American people during the current recession. Therefore, it is imperative that we budget our resources carefully and manage with prudence.



Robert R. Davila

I would like to share with you some of the steps I have taken to ensure the continuing financial health of the University.

1. For the past two years we have been monitoring our staffing carefully and making reductions wherever we could without severely affect-

ing the quality of programs and services.

Salaries and benefits for our faculty, teachers, and staff constitute the largest share of our budget, and we have been able to reduce total staffing significantly during the past two years. This process will continue.

2. I meet regularly with the Provost and the two Vice Presidents to monitor ongoing spending and to seek ways to conserve institutional resources.
3. The University Budget Committee (UBC) meets throughout the year to review staffing and spending patterns and make recommendations concerning ways to use our funding effectively and efficiently.
4. I have made enrollment a top institutional priority. Ultimately, levels of enrollment will determine how much income we derive from tuition and fees and the level of support we can expect from the federal government. The Provost and his staff are carrying out a detailed strategic plan to improve recruiting, retention, and post-graduation outcomes for students.
5. I meet regularly with members of Congress and their staff to explain Gallaudet's need for ongoing federal support. The University continues to have excellent relations with Congress and the Department of Education.

Most important of all is the support of all members of the Gallaudet community during these trying times. All of us must seek ways to do what we do best, provide a high quality educational experience to our students, as efficiently as we possibly can. Thank you for your continuing support of Gallaudet's vital mission. ■

## Debra Lipkey appointed director of finance for Academic Affairs



Debra Lipkey

Provost Stephen Weiner announced on February 4 that Debra Lipkey has been appointed director of finance for the Division of Academic Affairs. Lipkey returns to Kendall Green, where she worked from 1988 to 1999, first as a budget analyst, and then as special assistant to the vice president for Academic Affairs.

For the past nine years, Lipkey worked at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). She left NRC as chief of the Financial Management Branch in the Office of Federal and State

Materials and Environmental Management Programs. Previously, she was an audit manager and senior management analyst in the agency's Office of the Inspector General. While at NRC, Lipkey won two President's Council Integrity and Efficiency awards and numerous other performance-related honors and recognitions.

In her new position, Lipkey will oversee the \$66 million Academic Affairs budget. She will also join the University Budget Committee and the Academic Affairs Management Team. "Please join me in welcoming Lipkey back to Kendall Green!" Dr. Weiner said in his announcement.

Dr. Michael Moore, who has served as Academic Affairs budget director for the past year and a half, will continue to provide support to the division, Weiner said. Moore will work on projects pertaining to ongoing improvement of division operations. "Dr. Moore's many years as a faculty member, a leader in the faculty governance system, and as interim provost make him well-suited to this new role," Weiner wrote. "I want to thank Dr. Moore for his deep commitment and service as budget director, and look forward to his continued support." ■



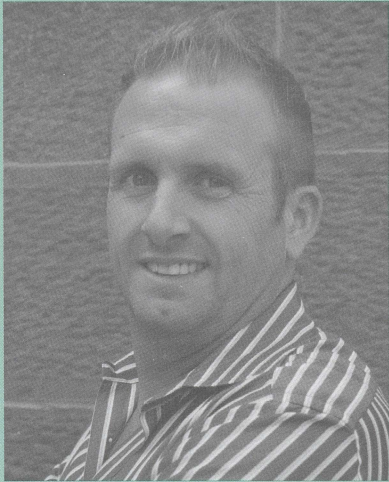
Roving Reporter

What was your best or worst Valentine's Day experience?



*My worst Valentine's date was at a student-formed party. (I was in eighth grade). The guy ditched me for another girl who also had crush on him. Even worse, I bought a new dress and had my nails done just for that night.*

Clara Baldwin, student



*It was the first year after I started dating my wife while she lived in New York City and we could not be together on Valentine's Day. [To make matters worse] I sat too hard on the toilet and broke it and flooded my roommate's bathroom!*

Justin Shaw, financial aid advisor, Office of Financial Aid



*I had the worst/best Valentine's Day. My partner and I were so broke and we couldn't afford anything so we decided to be more creative with our food and cook with what we had—but we had a great Valentine's Day!*

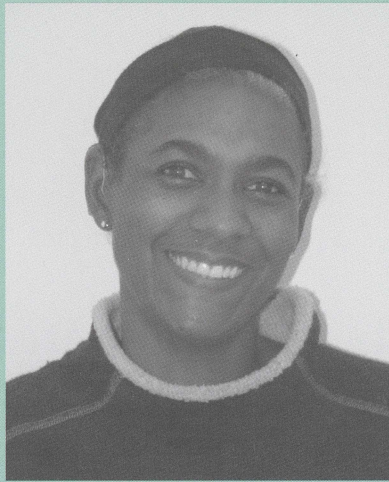
Masa Nakama, student



*My best Valentine's date was at a waterfront restaurant with a yacht view.*

*My worst Valentine's date was when a hearing guy told me he would bring friends for a triple date, but none of them knew sign language and it turned out to be a lame date. I basically didn't enjoy it. I dumped him afterward.*

Cara DiGiovanni, student



*My worst experience was being 12 weeks pregnant and sick on Valentine's Day.*

Tiri Fellows, temporary instructor, GSR

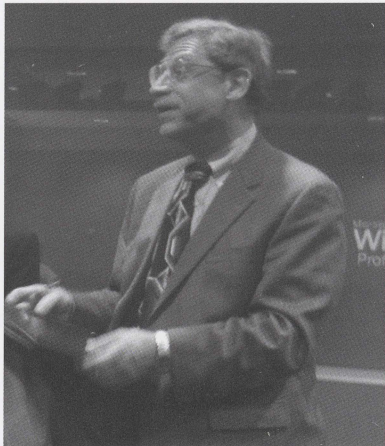


*Valentine's Day should be celebrated on a daily basis, so no, I cannot think of anything that might be the worst or the best. Spread the LOVE!!!*

Jonathan McMillan, student



(LEFT) Student Mela Langinbelang expresses her opinions about the qualities of the next president of Gallaudet at a January 28 presidential search forum—one of two recent forums held to cull students' ideas. (RIGHT) Dr. Michael Baer, vice president and director of the higher education search firm Isaacson, Miller, which Gallaudet has hired to assist with the search process, listens to students' opinions. In January and early February, Gallaudet held similar events where Baer met with faculty and staff, a group of alumni, and administrators. He also met with Board of Trustees Chair Ben Soukup.



Campus Calendar

- February**
- 13**—Graduate School Open House, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., SLCC Atrium; *FENCES* performance, 8 p.m., Eastman Studio Theatre
  - 14**—Basketball games against St. Mary's College and Senior Day, women—2 p.m.; men—4 p.m., Field House Gym
  - 17**—President's Town Hall, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Foster Auditorium
  - 19**—Lecture: Ethics and Program Evaluation, noon-2 p.m., JSAC 1011
  - 25**—GradFest 2009, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., JSAC MPR; Ash Wednesday Episcopal service, 3 p.m., JSAC Chapel; Ash Wednesday Catholic mass, 6 p.m., JSAC Chapel
  - 28**—Gala to support Deaf Abused Women's Network (DAWN), 7-10 p.m., Alumni House
- March**
- 2**—PFLAG monthly meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., HMB S135
  - 2-6**—Midterm Week

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Photo by Nanette Vining



The MSSD Lady Eagles celebrate in the locker room after winning the Clerc Classic IX basketball tournament, held January 15 to 17. Nine teams competed in this year's tournament and cheerleading competition, which was hosted by the Maryland School for the Deaf. Pictured is the MSSD Clerc Classic Team (from left): top row—Chelsea Korn, Cierra Cotton, Ashley Jeramie, Jenny Kittredge, Fatima Tebibel, Jennifer Marfino; middle row—coach Tiff Dodge, Zamica Gage, Eboni Love-Peel, Johanna Arrigo, and coach Tawny Holmes; front row—coach Amelia Mowl, managers Sylvia Smith and Tiffany Narciso, and coach Mark Phipps.

## Bison Roundup

*An update on this season's sports*

By David Tossman

### Basketball Madness

In front of an enthusiastic crowd of over 500 alumni on January 31, the Gallaudet women's basketball team showed what a bright future it has. During the 13th annual Basketball Madness event, sophomore Nukeitra Hayes put on a show for Bison fans, scoring 21 points from all over the court, grabbing 16 rebounds, blocking three shots, and dishing out three assists to go along with two steals. Junior Amanda Kreiger put on a shooting clinic, making three 3-pointers.

Alas, it wasn't enough; the Bison fell to Wesley College, 68-51.

Entering the game, both teams were tied for the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) lead in blocked shots with 4.8 blocks per game. During the game, Gallaudet had six team blocks, while Wesley had five. Another bright spot for the Bison was free-throw shooting. The Bison went 10-12 from the charity stripe. As a team, Gallaudet committed just eight fouls.

In the men's game, fans saw one of the best basketball games in years at the Gallaudet Field House. The mighty Bison put up a heroic battle against first-place Wesley, but lost 91-78.

Wesley came into the game undefeated and on a nine-game winning streak, and they brought the CAC's top offensive player, Rashawn Johnson, who is averaging 25 points per game. It was a great battle between seniors—Johnson from Wesley, and Sekoe White from Gallaudet. Johnson scored 31 points; White scored 24 and had five rebounds, five assists, one block, and one steal. White and Johnson both had dunks during the game and both made shots from all over the floor, including from the three-point range.

Gallaudet also received a boost from freshman Jeremy Thrush, who started the game and rewarded Head Coach Jeb Barber for his decision with 14 points on 7-9 shooting and 11 rebounds. Johnny Jackson, Jr. scored 13 points and had four rebounds and four assists in just 25 minutes, due to foul trouble. Tony Tatum scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds.

The Bison played hard the whole game, and despite Wesley's speed, which led to many fast-break opportunities and a 17 point half-time lead, Gallaudet never quit. In the second half, Gallaudet outscored Wesley 44-40. For the game, Gallaudet shot 48 percent from the floor, doing a great job moving the ball around, and getting open under the basket for easy lay-ups. In the second half, the Bison were 18-31 from the floor. Gallaudet also excelled on the boards that day: Wesley had just one more rebound than Gallaudet—43 to 42.

Coach Barber and his assistant coaches joined college basketball coaches throughout the country in wearing suits with sneakers the weekend of January 31 and February 1 as part of the National Basketball Coaches Association's weekend participation in cancer awareness.

### Last dual meet for women swimmers

On January 28, at the swimmers' last dual meet and Senior Recognition Night, it came down to this: Whoever won the last relay would win the meet.

While Head Coach Bill Snape was sweating more than usual on the hot and humid pool deck, he remained calm, knowing that seniors Jodi Winkelmann and Marissa Larson were anchoring the four-person relay squad along with underclassmen Katie Johnson and Misella Tomita.

The seniors did not disappoint. When Larson touched the wall a good 10 seconds ahead of her Notre Dame competitor, the Aqua-Bison notched their first win in over a decade against the Baltimore school, 106-93.

At the end of the competition, the team helped the coaching staff cool off by tossing them all in the pool in celebration.

"What a tremendous way to honor our seniors on their night, and what a great stepping stone heading into the CAC Championships," said Snape. "In addition to Jodi and Marissa, seniors Cloe Canela and Colleen Doyle had outstanding performances, as did senior Scott Cohen, who did his personal best in the 100-fly during an exhibition swim. The seniors shone on Senior Night."

Furthermore, sophomore star Carlisle Robinson was an iron woman with flippers. She won three individual events: the 1,650 (one mile) freestyle, the 200 freestyle (just minutes after completing the mile), and the 500 freestyle. "Because of her impressive work ethic this year, she has become one of the most dominant swimmers in the conference and is poised to make some major waves at the CAC Championships," continued Snape.

Other winners included junior Katie Day in the 50 free and as part of the 200 Medley Relay, Rachel Steingieser as part of the 200 Medley Relay, and Tomita and Winkelmann, who swam on both victorious relays. Also scoring crucial points were Elizabeth Steyer, Kira Roberts, and Breanna Baker. "Tonight's win was a true team effort," concluded Snape. ■



A crowd cheers a play during Super Bowl XLIII on February 1. This group is taking part in the Gallaudet tradition of gathering in the Rathskellar for the big game.

## Clerc Center Happenings

### MSSD winter concert: 'Jive Afrique'—a melange of dance and drum

By Susan M. Flanigan



Audiences at MSSD's winter dance concert have come to expect an outstanding array of performances. This year will not disappoint them: Deaf and hearing choreographers, MSSD dancers, and 10 guest companies are showcasing their talent through a wide variety of African-inspired dances in *Jive Afrique*.

"This year's dances bring together dance styles from East and West Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States," said producer/director Yola Rozynek. "A special highlight will be the dances with drum accompaniment. The KanKouran West African Dance Co. will feature

music from Senegal; the ALAFIA Dance Company will beat out Afro-Cuban rhythms; and the Khamla Ensemble will play African drums." Other guest performers include the National Deaf Theatre, the Eleanor Roosevelt Dance Company, Antoine Hunter, New York All Bboys, Chaos in Motion, the Wild Zappers, and the Taratibu Youth Association.

Choreographers for this year's concert are Jennifer Drew, Ronnie Bradley, Tara Downing, Yola Rozynek, Oscar Rousseaux, Michelle Banks, Baranda Johnson, and Fred Beam. Their dances will feature break dance, modern dance, jazz, East and West African dance, funk, Cuban, tap, Crunk, belly dancing, and hip hop.

"We will have a wonderful show; reserve your tickets now before all the seats sell out!" Rozynek advised.

Performances will be held Thursday, February 12, at 10 a.m., and Friday, February 13, and Saturday, February 14, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for college students and senior citizens, and \$4 for MSSD and KDES teachers and staff.

For ticket reservations, email [Yolanta.Rozynek@gallaudet.edu](mailto:Yolanta.Rozynek@gallaudet.edu) or call (202) 651-5636 (TTY/VP) or (202) 651-5031 (Voice). ■

## Ask Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

I'm a Gally sports-loving person, but normally on weekends I just read *The Washington Post* and the email that comes across my pager. My question is: Why do the home game results from Gallaudet athletic teams (for example, football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, etc.) not appear in the results page of the *Post*? I'm not talking about a write-up... just the "Gallaudet 57, the other team 27."

I can't imagine that I'm the only one who looks for the game scores in the newspaper. Let me know what you think.

Thanks,  
A Fan

Dear Fan,

I have good news for you! As of late December, the *Post* is including Bison scores. But from what I've learned, this was no easy feat! For one thing, the newspaper has reduced their copy in an effort to save money (a pretty familiar scenario for a lot of us). On top of that, they don't usually print scores for or publish stories about Division III schools. So keep checking the results page.

Cousin Sally, OTG's resident retired dairy farmer and advice columnist, is waiting for your questions at [cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu](mailto:cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu).



## Among Ourselves



Dr. Arlene B. Kelly

Professor **Benjamin Bahan** and associate professor **Arlene B. Kelly** of the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies recently led teleconferences with the Japanese ASL Signers Society (JASS) via a PolyCam in the Jordan Student Academic Center. Members of the Tokyo JASS made up the audience for teleconferences entitled "History of Deaf American Women," led by Dr. Kelly (pictured at left), on November 7, and "Sensory Orientation," led by Dr. Bahan, on December 5. A teleconference on the two topics, led by Bahan and Kelly, was broadcast to the Kyoto JASS on January 31. The teleconferences were arranged by the late **Dr. Michael Kemp** and Rumiko Nozaki, vice president for JASS, under the aegis of the Nippon Foundation, and logistics were coordinated by ASL major **Bradley Dale**.

**Dr. Stephen Chaikind**, a professor in the Department of Business, recently published an essay book review in the fall 2008 edition of the *Journal of Wine Economics*. He reviewed *The Battle for Wine and Love or How I Saved the World From Parkerization*, by Alice Feiring. The book discusses some of the economic and production consequences of wine ratings by critics, and how these consequences affect Feiring's enjoyment of wine. Chaikind's review assesses her book in terms of what wine economic literature has to say about the role of critics and the use of technology in wine making. Chaikind is also currently co-teaching a GSR class with **Mark Weinberg**, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, entitled "France, The French, and The Economics of Wine."

**Dr. Gina Oliva**, professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation and faculty fellow in Enrollment Management, was appointed in November to the Board of Directors of Aspen (Colorado) Camp for the Deaf. Oliva was invited to join the board because of her experience in researching summer and weekend programs for deaf and hard of hearing children—including Aspen's—through Priority Research and Small Grant funds from the Gallaudet Research Institute. Oliva said that as a board member she will assist Aspen Camp in strengthening its ties with the deaf and hard of hearing communities through the establishment of a "Friends of Aspen" program and other efforts, as needed. (Oliva is pictured at a Women's Snowshoe Retreat last month at the camp).



Dr. Gina Oliva

### Gallaudet Fact—

Answer: Unfortunately, though the debate about the Lincoln Memorial hand shapes has existed for many years, the centennial of Lincoln's birth brings us no closer to a definitive answer. The evidence supporting the idea that the statue's hands form an 'A' and an 'L' includes the fact that Daniel Chester French was knowledgeable about American Sign Language. He had created two sculptures for Gallaudet—one depicting Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet with his young student Alice Cogswell and the other honoring President James Garfield. French also reportedly had a son who was deaf. Evidence against the theory comes from a 1977 *Smithsonian* magazine article by Michael Richman, an expert on the sculptor, and Richman's response to a letter to the editor about the hand shapes. Richman responded by calling the idea "a wishful myth with no documentation to support [it]."

Information from an email sent by Tom Harrington, former Gallaudet librarian, and the International Architecture Database ([eng.archinform.net](http://eng.archinform.net)).



Dr. James Crawford, a writer and lecturer who specializes in the politics of language, gives the keynote address "Bilingualism: Problem or Resource?" that kicked off Faculty Development Week on January 13. Also pictured on stage is GIS interpreter Elizabeth Graham. That afternoon, Gallaudet faculty and staff led workshops on bilingualism. The following two days' keynotes and workshops focused on student engagement and student success, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. For more on Faculty Development Week, go to [pr.gallaudet.edu/otg](http://pr.gallaudet.edu/otg).

## Gallaudet to host weekend of performances by internationally-acclaimed theater company

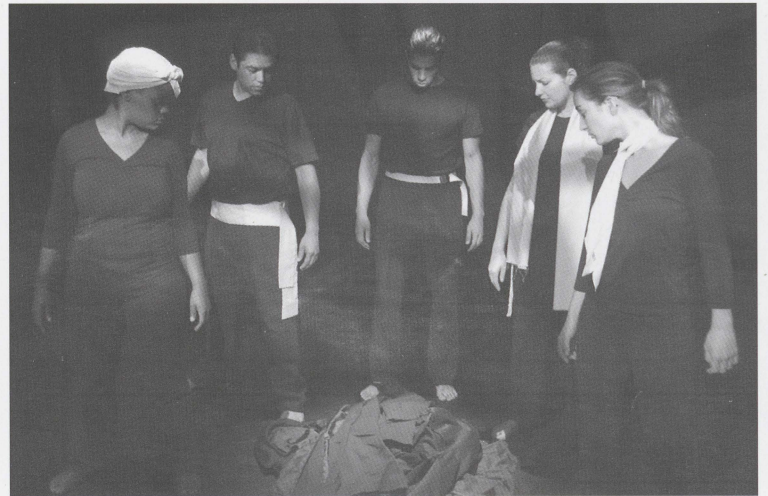


Photo by Myra Coffield

Actors look down at a pile of jackets in *Mosaic*, one of the Wings Company theater productions coming to Gallaudet the weekend of March 7 and 8.

It is not often that deaf and hearing people of all linguistic backgrounds can enjoy theater together. The weekend of March 7 and 8 will be one of those precious opportunities when Gallaudet plays host to shows and workshops by Quest: Arts for Everyone, an award-winning visual theater company, in conjunction with Quest's internationally acclaimed Wings Company.

Wings will present three shows from its repertoire—two area premieres, *Alice* and *I Carry the Flag*, and *Mosaic*—and Quest will team up with Gallaudet to offer young visitors a day of hands-on learning about theater and the University.

The performances are presented by an ensemble of deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing performers that has performed throughout the United States, China, India, South Africa, Mexico, Czech Republic, Scotland, Austria, and Australia.

"These are exceptional, world-class artists who present very non-linear, inventive performances," said Quest Director Tim McCarty. "The performances touch a commonality that is not all that conventional, yet they are very successful in reaching—indeed in celebrating—the liberation and revelation of what theater can achieve when it is at its best."

A Day at Gallaudet, a full day of theater-related events to be held March 7, is designed for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children of kindergarten through high school age. The day will include workshops lead by Quest artists and affil-

iates, a lunch with members of the Gallaudet community, a campus tour, and a performance. The afternoon show, *Alice*, will include an exclusive "talk back" with the cast. Following the performance, families will have a chance to explore the historical sites, monuments, museums, and other attractions of Washington, D.C. That evening, they may return to catch another show.

Gallaudet has invited families from the D.C. area and beyond to make a weekend of it. "This is the perfect opportunity for families to spend a weekend together in Washington," said Coordinator of Recruitment David Reekers. "It's a rare chance to see creative theater performances, experience the vibrancy of Kendall Green and Washington, D.C., and meet members of the Gallaudet community."

The workshops are also open to parents, and interpreters will be provided.

For questions about the Day at Gallaudet program, contact Lisa Jacobs ([lisa.jacobs@gallaudet.edu](mailto:lisa.jacobs@gallaudet.edu)). To sign up for workshops, go to [boxofficetickets.com](http://boxofficetickets.com).

The Wings performances and Day at Gallaudet program sponsors include the United States Department of Education, the Target Foundation, the Maryland State Arts Council, Gallaudet's Department of Theatre Arts, and the College of Professional Studies and Outreach. ■

For more information on the shows and workshops, read the full story at [news.gallaudet.edu](http://news.gallaudet.edu).

## Notes from Human Resources Services

### Service awards for December

#### Five years:

**Robert Beaton**, lead mechanic, Maintenance Services; **Vianela Allen**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Elizabeth Graham**, interpreter III, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

#### Twenty years:

**MJ Bienvu**, associate professor/faculty fellow, ASL and Deaf Studies Program; **Hillel Goldberg**, coordinator of Judicial Affairs, Judicial Affairs

### New employees hired in December

**Heidi Camacho**, school counselor, Student Services; **Yoshiko Chino**, manager, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Paul Christie**, interpreter III, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Melinda Failing**, director, Clerc Center Technology Services; **Christopher Kabusk**, designer-graphic artist, Public Relations, Production, and Training, Clerc Center

### Promotions in December

**Mark Sedgwick**, receptionist/secretary, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Robert Weinstock**, special assistant to the provost, Provost's Office

### Retirement in December

**I. King Jordan**, Psychology